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Letter dated 30 May 2002 from the Minister-Counsellor for Host Country Affairs of the United States Mission to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

I have the honour to refer to the attached note verbale of 29 May 2002 sent by the United States Mission to the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations (see annex) and request that you, in your capacity as Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, circulate this note as a document of the Committee.

(*Signed*) Robert C. **Moller**
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Annex to the letter dated 30 May 2002 from the Minister-Counsellor for Host Country Affairs of the United States Mission to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

Note verbale dated 29 May 2002 from the United States Mission to the United Nations addressed to the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations

The United States Mission to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the latter's note dated 26 April 2002 regarding a request to allow First Secretary Rodolfo Benitez Verson to travel beyond 25 miles of Columbus Circle to attend a brainstorming session (A/AC.154/349, annex).

As the representative of the United States stated at the 211th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, held on 28 May 2002, certain travel restrictions are applied for reasons of national security. They are applied in such a manner that is not inconsistent with the obligations of the host country under the Headquarters Agreement.

The Permanent Mission of Cuba and other members of the Committee are perfectly aware of the United States Mission's commitment not to impede travel to official United Nations meetings. In this case, the host Government did not consider that it was obligated to allow First Secretary Benitez to travel to the event in question.

The United States Mission to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.